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Dear Bob,

Your subscription offer reminded me that I've been intending since reading the Purcell and Galbraith article last fall to thank you for it and to tell you how important I believe it is from my own work.

Which prevents all the reading I'd like but at the least as a gesture of support and of having more such fine articles at hand so I can read them herewith my subscription.

My recollection of the attitude you reflected when you were on the Post toward writing about the JFK assassination is no longer clear. If as I am inclined to believe you had a low opinion of it, that is more than justified by the mass of the trash, trivia and worse that gets attention and is all that is normally publishable. That is why when my Whitewash was the first book on the subject, after more than 100 rejections internationally, although broke and in debt, I became a publisher and published it. It came entirely from the official evidence, as have all my books since then.

After you ^{left} the Post I filed more than a dozen FOIA lawsuits. Some were precedential and one led to the 1974 amending of the Act's investigatory files exemption. From that litigation I got about a third of a million pages of once-withheld records. They will be a permanent public archive at local Hood College.

Please excuse my typing. It cannot be any better. I'll be 82 in nine days and I've been lucky to survive a number of medical problems one of which requires that I keep my legs elevated when I'm not on them.

I am alone in having published no theories, no solutions and in restricting my work to the official evidence.

After a heart operation in late 1989 I decided that I would use what time remains for me to perfect the record for our history to the degree possible for me when as a practical matter I have access to ^{this} ~~the vast~~ great quantity of information when I can get others to retrieve it from our basement. I can no longer safely use stairs.

In those FOIA lawsuits, mostly against the DJ and the FBI, faced with official ~~men~~ mendacity, I ^{decided} ~~resorted~~ to make that an issue before the courts that did not welcome it. I began charging the FBI with perjury, making myself subject to the penalties if I lied. In one of those cases, for all the world as though it is a defense, the DJ actually told that court—which accepted it as a defense—that I could make such allegations ~~ad libitum~~ ^{ad libitum} since I know more about the JFK assassination and its investigations than anyone working for the FBI. None of my many allegations of perjury was ever refuted.

So, I do have the knowledge that keeps me working at a pace my college professor

friends find incredibly. They know from the copies I sent them what I produce. One was so impressed with the draft of NEVER AGAIN! that he retyped it on his computer, something I cannot use. I'd expected it to be published before the middle of 1993 but it was sat on until now. It is due to appear soon.

Except for one part of it I'll let it speak for itself. That one part ~~is~~ is represented by the chapter "Was There a Military Conspiracy?" Well, I add one other thing on the chance that it can give a little more meaning to this. The book begins by documenting a de facto government conspiracy not to investigate the crime itself.

It never was officially investigated.

In your thinking of The American Prospect and for your understanding of what has happened to us I urge you to consider what was made possible by the JFK assassination, what you can believe ~~what~~ would not have happened without it.

After writing another book about 75-80% of which appeared in ~~a~~ butchered form as Case Open and completing pretty much a very large manuscript Inside the JFK Assassination Industry I've written Waketh the Watchman: Our Strangelovian Military and the JFK Assassination. I've not submitted it to those who are publishing NEVER AGAIN! and I have no other publisher or even an agent. The curse of being the first lingers, as does ^{this and that} the fact ^{that} when all publishers feared responsible treatment of the subject I proved ^{that} they are not essential. ^{And} I cannot travel safely. So at least in my lifetime, if even, ever, Waketh will not be published.

It does not pretend to solve the crime. It addresses the crime and its non-investigation as lawyers address motive, means and opportunity when they have only circumstantial evidence.

In trying to round the history out I've also written what is much too long for you, about 45 pages, titled "Senator Russell Dissents." Russell, the most conservative member of the Warren Commission, encouraged my work, which he liked, to his dying day. He and Cooper certainly (I have the proof from their records) absolutely refused to agree with the basis of the Warren Report, its single-bullet theory. They were deceived into believing that a compromise incorporated their objections. When I put in Russell's hands the proof of this and of what glibbergasted him, that the record they thought they were making for history had been memory-holed, did not exist, he broke his long friendship with LBJ and as I say above, encouraged me to continue my work. He also told me that Boggs was somewhat opposed to that single-bullet theory without which ^{there} ~~there~~ could not have been the Warren Report.

So it is not all nuttiness, self-promotion, theories and other junk by the would-be Perry Masons.

By the way, I did find the Purcell-Galbraith article quite useful in Waketh. If and when the book is published permissions will, of course, be sought.

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So I think you can see the importance I see in that article you published which, unfortunately, got so little attention.

While I do not know if it can be of any value to you, I report something new in the many letters and calls I've been getting since Case Open appeared a year ago. The last time we made an effort to calculate the calls and letters I've gotten, the letters from strangers were more than 20,000. From Case Open I guess there have been about 500 letters.

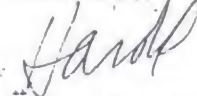
What is different in the letters of the past year is that most by far tell me how old they are to tell me how young they were when JFK was assassinated. Most were 10 or younger and an appreciable ~~pr~~ percentage had not been born.

I report this because it indicates that there is an appreciable ~~audience~~ audience for serious writing about what has ~~ah~~ happened to the country since the JFK assassination in that age group.

In your thinking about The American Prospect and what the JFK assassination did to it I hope you'll bear in mind that whatever the intent of any assassin or assassins in this country the assassination of any president has the effect of a coup d'etat.

Good luck with your very worthwhile project!

Sincerely,



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